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FOR DAVE NEWSOM FROM JOHN NORTON MOORE

USUN PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

1. FYI: WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ARCHI-
PELAGO-STRAITS PACKAGE AS PART OF BROADER COMMITTEE II
PACKAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST PROVISIONS ON THE
TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE AS WELL. EARLY ARCHI-
PELAGO-STRAITS UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRINCIPAL ARCHIPELAGO

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STATES AND MARITIME POWERS WOULD GO FAR TOWARD PROMOTING

SUCH AN OVERALL PACKAGE INCLUDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE IN COMMITTEE II AT GENEVA. IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO UNDERSTANDING, WE WOULD EXPECT TO ACTUALLY OPPOSE THE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AT GENEVA. END FYI.

2. ALTHOUGH WE SEEM TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH SOEDARMONO'S PACKAGE IDEA, INVOLVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBER OF STATES WITH ECONOMIC ZONE ISSUES SUGGESTS IT PREFERABLE NOT TO EXTEND ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS NEGOTIATION WITH INDONESIA TO DETAILS OF COMPLEX ECONOMIC ZONE NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, SUCH AN EXTENSION WOULD DELAY UNDERSTANDING ON ARCHIPELAGO-

STRAITS ISSUES. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN LINKING ACCEPTANCE OF ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS UNDERSTANDING WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE AS PART OF A BROADER PACKAGE INCLUDING TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. YOU MIGHT CONVEY THIS GENERAL POINT TO SOEDARMONO ON A SUITABLE OCCASION.

4. MOORE AND ADMIRAL MORRIS DISCUSSED IMPORTANCE OF FINALIZING ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS UNDERSTANDING BEFORE GENEVA AND POINTS MADE PARA 1 WITH ZAFAR ARAFIN, THE DCM OF THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY, AT A SMALL DINNER PARTY ON SUNDAY EVENING. MOORE IS ALSO PROVIDING ARAFIN A COPY OF LATEST EVENSEN GROUP TEXT ON ECONOMIC ZONE AT ARAFIN'S REQUEST.

5. FYI: IN OUR OPINION POSITIVE REACTIONS WHICH INDONESIANS HAVE RECEIVED FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS IN MANY CASES BASED UPON THEIR KNOWLEDGE THAT AN ACCOMMODATION ON DEFINITION AND NAVIGATION ISSUES IS BEING NEGOTIATED. FOR EXAMPLE, D'JALAL REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO THAT FACT AT ASIAN-AFRICAN MEETING IN TEHRAN IN LATE JANUARY. YOU MAY WISH TO GENTLY PLANT THIS IDEA WITH SOEDARMONO SINCE SOME PEOPLE IN GOI MAY BE TRYING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRY SUPPORT IS NOT DEPENDENT ON DEFINITION AND TRANSIT ISSUES. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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